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The Honorable John Conyers, Jr.
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Conyers:

This is in response to your letter, dated August 19, 2004, to the Attorney General about a voter fraud investigation by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement in Orlando, as well as Florida's felon purge procedures. We apologize for any inconvenience our delay in responding may have caused you. We are sending a similar responses to the other signatories of your letter.

We are fully committed to the goal of ensuring full participation in the electoral process by all Americans. The ability to register to vote and to cast a ballot without interference or discrimination is of prime concern to the Department of Justice. Our vigorous enforcement of the Voting Rights Act and other federal voting rights statutes demonstrates our continued work in this area.

The Department has opened an investigation of the Orlando voting matter. Since it is an open matter, it would be inappropriate for us to comment further at this time.

With respect to Florida's 2004 suspected felon voter purge list, as you maybe aware, the State of Florida formally discontinued the use of the 2004 felon purge list earlier this year. However, due to the importance of this issue, the Civil Rights Division will continue to monitor the situation.

Thank you for bringing these matters to our attention. Please do not hesitate to contact the Department if we can be of assistance in other matters.

Sincerely,

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